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I am very, very disturbed that Microsoft's proposal to donate a huge number of computers to schools is being considered seriously as part of a monopoly settlement case. The only large market in computing that Microsoft does not completely dominate is the education market.

To allow the company greater inroads into this market as a "punishment" for abusive corporate methodology is an insult to the American people. It is a slap in the face of anyone who dares believe that Big Business does not pull the strings of the federal government (as if that government were just one more company to bully, threaten, and coerce).

Microsoft's tactics here are as aggressive and obvious as their business practices.

As a taxpayer, I hope that the word 'monopoly' still has some meaning. Give Microsoft what it wants here, and you undermine the very concept of monopoly protection for your citizens.

As a veteran who served his country with distinction, I demand that my government act with honor. Please do not embarrass us all in the eyes of the world. . .

Very sincerely,
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